

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7, 10-25, 35 and 36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 27-34 and 37-45 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings. Allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter); (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal (if necessary). Entry is thus requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-4, 7, 10-25, 35 and 36 are allowed. As claims 27-34 and 37-45 are now canceled, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 1-4, 7, 10-25, 35 and 36 are in condition for allowance, and thus the application should also be in condition for allowance.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 27-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,781,553 to Choi et al. (hereinafter "Choi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,884,148 to Bilgic et al.

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(hereinafter "Bilgic") and rejects claims 37-45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Choi and Bilgic in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,781,593 to Petch et al. (hereinafter "Petch"). Claims 27-34 and 37-45 are canceled, and thus these rejections are moot.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, **JOANNA K. MASON**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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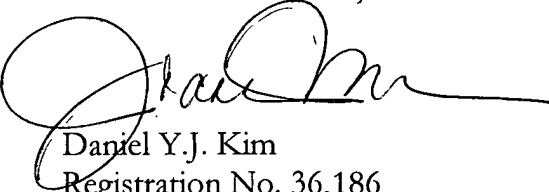
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concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and
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